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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Carl Vinson
Chairman
House Committee on Armed Services
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Mr. Robert Smart
Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Central Intelligence Agency Building
Appropriation Estimates

1. The original estimate of the cost of construction of the Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters installation, which was made by the Agency Planning Staff, was \$55,000,000. The original estimate by the Public Building Service was \$50,800,000. After review, the Bureau of the Budget reduced the Agency estimate to \$50,000,000 and approved that amount for inclusion in the Defense Construction Bill for 1955.

2. The House authorized \$50,000,000 in Title 5, H. R. 6829, 84th Congress. However, the Senate Armed Services Committee recommended a reduction in the authorization to \$45,000,000. Title 4, S. 1769, 84th Congress. After a conference, the Military Construction Act of 1955 (P. L. 84-161) authorized \$46,000,000 for construction of buildings, facilities, appurtenances, utilities, and access roads, plus \$1,000,000 for the purchase of land. With the selection of the Langley site this latter item was dropped from the appropriation request.

3. On review in early 1956, we found the cost index had increased and that, in effect, an additional \$10,000,000, or very close to our original estimate, would be required at that time to house all of our employees.

This finding was set forth in identical letters to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees. A copy of the letter to Chairman Vinson is attached. It will also be noted that at that time the Agency total strength, as well as the number of headquarters personnel, was

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less than it is today.

4. For easy reference, appropriate extracts from the Military Construction Act of 1955, the Supplemental Appropriation Act of 1956, and the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957, are attached.

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Attachments:

As stated.

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